Salem, March 21. 1815.

My dear Sir,

The Prud. Com^e have resolved to fit out a mission with all convenient despatch to Ceylon— The mission to be composed in the outset of brethren Richards, Poor, & Bardwell. The ordination of those three, together with Mr. Meigs & yourself is appointed to be at Newburyport, on wednesday 21st of June next. The determination to send only three at first on the mission to Ceylon, & hold two in reserve was taken partly for reasons relating to the eastern service, & partly with reference to a contemplated missionary establishment in the Missouri Territory, perhaps at St Louis, or St Genevieve, for the benefit of the aborigines of this continent. Something of the nature of a collegiate establishment is in contemplation, to serve as a mission house & place of deposite for Bibles, through means of which the Indian languages may be reduced to writing, & the way be prepared for spreading the gospel extensively among them. We have some important information relating to this object, but the plan is not yet matured; nor can I say whether you & brother Meigs will ultimately be appointed to that station, or to the East.

You will perhaps feel some disappointment, but I hope you will find no difficulty in acquiescing in this arrangement. It was made after very serious deliberation, & as we believe on solid reasons. Of the two to be

held in reserve it was thought proper that one should be of medical acquisitions. - You will of course make your arrangements to be in readiness for ordination, & for such ulterior destination as may be determined on.

I salute you with much affection & esteem

Sam[l] Worcester.
Clerk of the Prud. Comm[e]

Mr. Edward Warren.

P.S. We have communications from our brethren in the East down to April 9. 1814. They were then all at Bombay, in good health, & spirits, & hopes; though not positively assured of being allowed a permanent settlement there.

Dr. Worcester

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